

Plan Section - *Community Trends and Challenges Ahead*

Plan Steering Committee Discussion Questions (04/01/13)

After reading the draft *Plan Section - Community Trends and Challenges Ahead*, please use these questions to help prepare for a Steering Committee discussion on this section of the Plan.

Fiscal and Economic

For each of the six fiscal and economic trends/challenges listed below, please be prepared to discuss the following questions:

Trend/Challenge - Diminishing state and federal funding available for new construction and/or replacement of Wichita and Sedgwick County public facilities and infrastructure.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Growing structural imbalance (gap) between slowing Wichita and Sedgwick County revenues and the rising cost of maintaining existing City and County public facilities and infrastructure.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Rising fuel and energy prices significantly increase capital, operational and maintenance cost associated with city and county public facilities and infrastructure.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

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3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - External factors and mandates will dictate some future Wichita and Sedgwick County public infrastructure spending priorities.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Wichita and Sedgwick County faces a new era of market globalization and competition with other communities regionally, nationally and globally.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Employment growth rate in Wichita and Sedgwick County over the next 20 years is forecast to increase at an annual average rate slightly less than 1 percent.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Please identify any other significant fiscal trend/challenges and associated data that you think should be included in this section of the Plan:

Demographic

For each of the four demographic trends/challenges listed below, please be prepared to discuss the following questions:

Trend/Challenge - Shifting demographics – impacts of an aging population.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Shifting demographics – impacts of changes in the traditional family and the rise in single person households.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Shifting demographics – impacts of the growth in minority populations.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Trend/Challenge - Future 2035 population growth estimates for Wichita range between 444,000 and 452,000; for Sedgwick County, the estimates range between 593,000 and 610,000.

1. What questions do you have regarding this trend/challenge or the data listed?

2. List any other important data that should be listed for this trend/challenge:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least impactful; 5 being most impactful), how significant do you think this trend/challenge will be in terms of impacting future public infrastructure spending decisions and priorities for Wichita and Sedgwick County?

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Please identify any other significant fiscal trends/challenges and associated data that you think should be included in this section of the Plan:
